



**Board of Directors' Reports**

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**Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board  
of Directors of District 21 on February 3, 2026**



As previously announced, my newsletter summaries of Board meetings will also serve as the draft meeting minutes to eliminate redundant documents. Readers are invited to focus your attention on the agenda topics in bold.

**1. Call to Order.** President Jim Coke called the meeting to order shortly after 6:30 PM and welcomed new Board members Rob Johnson and Kit Morse. He noted that new member Dana Shelley was unable to attend due to a prescheduled vacation.

**2. Roll call.** Secretary Ray Yuenger was pleased to have shorter roll call due to the downsized Board. 12 of the 15 area directors were eventually in attendance:

Kit Morse from the West area; Jackie Ortiz and Sigrid Price from the Northwest area; Jim Coke, Katherine Ewing, and Donna Neff from the Northeast area; Anne Hollingsworth, Rob Johnson, and Jackie Zayac from the East area; and Stu Goodgold and Anthony Toto from the South area. Lynn Bartz of the South area was expected to arrive later from a conflicting appointment.

Five guests were also in attendance, whose names are reported below.

**3. Minutes.** The minutes of the special Board meeting on November 18, 2025, which was focused primarily on budget approval, were approved as circulated without changes.

**5. New Business. Elections.** Without opposition to the motion, the new business of electing officers was advanced on the agenda.

**5A. Election of Officers.** Election Committee Chair Jackie Ortiz separately announced the candidates for the five District Offices, each of whom was incumbent and unopposed. Re-elected by Board acclamation were President Jim Coke, Vice President Stu Goodgold, Secretary Ray Yuenger, Treasurer Lynn Bartz, and Executive Committee Officer Anne Hollingsworth.

**5B. Other Elections.** Ray explained that his election as Secretary automatically makes him an At-large Director under the new Bylaws. The Bylaws also allow the Board to add another At-Large Director if needed. Jackie announced that Stu Goodgold had nominated Art Mirin to be an At-Large Director. Art was elected by acclamation.

Anne Hollingsworth explained that she and Bruce Blakely have previously been elected to be representatives of D21 on the Advisory Council, but a third position is still available. Jackie Zayac nominated Janelle Van Rensselaer, who had expressed interest in the position. Bruce Blakely nominated Ray Yuenger. Ray respectfully declined the nomination, saying he has enough to do. Janelle was elected by acclamation.

**4A. Officer and Committee Reports.** 11 written reports by Committee Chairs and Officers had been circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting.

**\*\*MOTION PASSED.** A motion to accept all the written reports was made, seconded, and approved.

No questions were asked about the reports.

**5. New Business.**

**5C. Motion regarding cost of charity games.** The topic was raised at the last Board meeting but not decided whether to charge players the extra \$1 cost of entries for the charity games held the first day of



regionals, or whether D21 should cover the cost and keep table fees the same every day. Tournament Director Lynn Yokel explained that the extra cost for Monterey was \$550, but it was high due to the attendance. It is less in smaller regionals. The total cost for required charitable donations is \$7 per table, but D21 has only been collecting \$4 from the players. Lynn said it is work for the directors to explain and collect \$18 one day and \$17 the next day.

**\*\*MOTION PASSED.** A motion for D21 to subsidize the extra cost of charity games was made, seconded, discussed, and passed with two abstentions.

**5D. New Website Committee.** Jim explained that while the District website is currently under the Communications Committee, the Committee members have no expertise in that area, so a new Website Committee would be in order. Ray explained that under California law it is actually the Board who makes committee appointments, not the President as our Bylaws used to say.

**\*\*MOTION PASSED.** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to create a Website Committee.

Rob asked about the process for updating the website. He had a hard time trying to get some outdated information about his Unit corrected on the website. Jim and Ray explained that Ray's role on the Communications Committee is to contact the webmaster about website changes.

Treasurer Lynn Bartz arrived at 7 PM.

**\*\*MOTION PASSED.** Lynn Bartz was promptly nominated to serve as the Chair of the Website Committee. She indicated a willingness to serve. The motion was seconded and Lynn was appointed without opposition.

Rob wondered if the Website Committee would be another layer in making corrections to the website. Jim explained that some updates are already fairly automatic such as flyers and the reports in the newsletter. The Committee would be more focused on the website's appearance and layout.

Lynn B identified Anne Wilson, Anthony Toto, and Milind Girkar as interested in serving on the Committee. Each individually affirmed their interest. Lynn B asked Lynn Y about her interest. Ray pointed out that because she is an ACBL employee, she may not be able to serve on a District Committee, and Lynn Y agreed her role should be informal. Lynn B also said that as D21 Secretary, Ray is a member of every committee. Jim added that, as President, he also is on every committee according to the Bylaws.

As to the three first-named individuals, the Board appointed each of them to the Website Committee without opposition.

**5E. Other Committee appointments.** New member Rob Johnson had volunteered in an orientation meeting for new Board members the preceding Friday to serve on the Charity Committee. He was appointed to the Committee without opposition (and in the absence of the Charity Committee Chair).

New member Kit Morse in the same orientation meeting had volunteered to serve on the Tournament Planning Committee. As people began to vote on Kit's appointment, Tournament Planning Committee co-chair Anne Wilson pointed out that no one had told her about this potential appointment. She had no particular objection other than she didn't know Kit and hadn't spoken with her. Anne said it was an odd procedure to not talk to the Committee Chair about possible appointments.

Stu asked if committee appointments were continuing appointments. Jim said he wasn't aware of a need to recertify a committee. Ray said that when he became President, he reappointed all committee members. Sigrid recalled that when she was President, there was also a mass confirmation of all committee members. Stu said it was his understanding that the President nominates committee members and the Board makes the appointments. Ray said the Bylaws don't say so, and they need to be updated to conform better to California law. Stu wondered with a new Board, if the Bylaws Committee remains the same? Ray said the Board could appoint new people or reappoint the existing members.

Sigrid pointed out that the appointment of Kit to the Tournament Committee was pending and that the Tournament co-chairs should have been notified before a Board vote. Kit said she felt at the orientation



meeting she was expected to volunteer for a committee, so she said the Tournament Committee, but didn't want to step on anyone's toes.

Tournament Planning Committee co-chair Brenda Hatton said that she had been unaware of the Board's role in committee appointments, so she and Anne have been adding members to the Tournament Committee without seeking Board approval.

Jim asked if Anne had a major problem with Kit being on her committee. Anne said that was not her issue. Her issue was the lack of notice and her apparent lack of input.

Sigrid answered Jackie O's question about the role of the Tournament Planning Committee. Sigrid proposed that the appointment be deferred to the ExCom after Anne had an opportunity to talk with Kit. Ray clarified that Kit could attend committee meetings as a guest without being appointed to the committee. Kit said she was completely flexible.

Jackie Zayac said the same kind of issue had emerged at the national level and they were writing procedures for how people are appointed to committees. The ExCom didn't need to be making decisions that aren't emergencies.

After 15 minutes of this discussion, Jim withdrew the nomination for the time being. Anne said she could speak with Kit right after the meeting. (They arranged to remain in the Zoom meeting to talk at the conclusion of the Board meeting.)

**4B. The Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer displayed the financial report that had been circulated to the Board with a few additions. She said that the Board needs to annually approve of a statement of financial position and a statement of activity, the nonprofit equivalents of a balance sheet and profit-and-loss statement.

Lynn reviewed in detail the cash accounts and investment income and the expenses as shown on the financial report. D21 is expecting to be billed by the ACBL for the SF NABC, so that is the one uncertainty in the statement. Anne Hollingsworth said that the bill will clarify what we'll have available for the next NABC in Reno.

D21 had two large unique payouts when the Western Conference ceased operations and when the All-Western 99er NiteClub ceased operations.

Rob had to leave around 7:30 due to a prior commitment.

Lynn reviewed items in the budget, saying she'd prefer to take questions at the end of her presentation. She emphasized that we should spend money on member services and member development.

Stu pointed out that GNT participation was increasing.

Ant asked about reimbursing speakers. Lynn said she had written a pending policy that was awaiting approval regarding speaker reimbursement.

Anne W explained that at the regionals there will be a bigger push to attract I/N players.

Jackie Z discussed programs at the national level to attract newer players.

Ray clarified that some numbers in Lynn's presentation are not in the distributed financial report.

Lynn pointed out that in a number of areas, her trend analysis allows her to very accurately project future costs in the budgets. They were off about some costs due to a larger number of free plays being given out by the tournament chairs.

Lynn asked for approval of the balance sheet and the income statement with the possible change based on the ACBL's final bill. Stu pointed out that the financial report had already been approved at the meeting. Ray pointed out that they had not been approved to serve as D21's annual financial statements. Lynn explained that the information is included in the tax returns.



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\*\*MOTION PASSED. A motion to accept the financial reports as the basis for the District's tax returns was seconded and approved without objection.

Sigrid asked if buying tables for tournaments was included in the 2026 budget. Lynn answered no and said it should be included in the budget. Anne W said they have no estimated cost yet for tables.

Sigrid noted that some sectionals are charging more than we charge for our regionals. But D21 doesn't need the money. Bruce said table fees are getting too high. Sigrid's real point is maybe we shouldn't charge as much as we do. Lynn said having \$500,000 in reserves for a nonprofit might be questioned.

Ray reported that there is nothing in the California statutes prohibiting the ExCom from authorizing a table purchase before the next Board meeting.

Ant suggested invested in struggling units. Lynn B asked if he was referring to Units or clubs, which are often for profit. Jim said we need to focus on growth, which would benefit struggling Units.

Before adjourning, without objection, the next Board meeting is scheduled for June 23.